

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 were presented for examination and are subject to restriction. In response to the requirement for restriction, applicant elects Group I containing claims 1-20.

Applicant objects to the requirement set forth in paragraph 2 as being illogical in view of the election of Group I. Applicant elects, under protest, the signal generator species of the invention. Claims 1-8, 11-13, 15, 16, 18-43 are consistent with this embodiment.

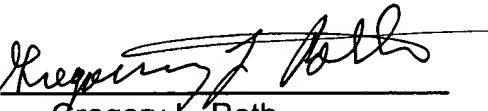
The specification has been amended at the last paragraph on page 3 to correct a minor grammatical error. Claim 34 has been amended to correct a minor grammatical error and to conform the recited frequency relationships to the description of the invention at pages 4-5.

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Applicant traverses the restriction requirement. 35 U.S.C. § 121 permits a restriction requirement only when two or more claims have been shown to be both independent and distinct. Since the office action has not demonstrated that either requirement has been satisfied, there is insufficient basis to justify a restriction requirement. It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. Furthermore, group I contains linking claims to both group II and group III, making the restriction requirement improper. The overlapping fields of search further make restriction inappropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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